Uneconomic Railway Lines

2900. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any uneconomic Railway Lines have been identified;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to close them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As many as 149 branch lines were found uneconomic during 1984-85.

(c) It will not be possible to close down all the uneconomic lines immediately. The proposals for closure of such lines are processed in the light of the recommendations of the Railway Reforms Committee, keeping in view that adequate alternative road transport is available to meet the traffic requirements of the area.

Aircrafts used for Vayudoot services

2901. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state what are the types of aircrafts being utilized in Vayudoot services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The types of Aircraft presently in the fleet of Vayudoot are as follows:—

(I) F-27

(II) HS-748

(III) Dornier 200—228

Review/modification of DTC bus routes

2902. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government recently for the review/modification of DTC bus route Nos. 500, 509, 510, 518, 526, 530, 538, 618, 680 and 725 in Delhi or to increase the frequency of services thereon; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The changes proposed in respect of a number of routes involved by-passing of certain important areas, extension of route lengths affecting frequency as also increase in fare-charges for the commuters. In view of this, present arrangements have not been disturbed. However, on the basis of scheduled traffic survey on route number 509, Limited Stop trip during peak hours will be provided.

High incidence of deaths due to rabies in the country

2903. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the number of people who die of rabies annually in various parts of the country, if so, the States which have the highest incidence of rabies-deaths;

(b) what is the annual percentage rise in the deaths due to rabies during the last three years (year-wise) in each State;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to formlulate rabies control programme at the national level; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The exact number of people who die of rabies in India is not known. According to the information available with Directorate General of Health Services—CBHI, the number of deaths reported due to rabies is as under:

1983	—	663
1984	—	722
1985	—	687
1986	—	397

The above data is provisional and incomplete due to ill defined coverage. The data relates to the patients treated in Medical Institutions.

(c) and (d) A Canine Rabies Control Programme has been launched by the Union Ministry of Agriculture with the following objectives;

(i) pre-expensure immunization of pet animals and their compulsory registration,

(ii) elimination of stray dogs by humane methods of destruction,

(iii) extensive health education to public to procure their cooperation in fulfilling above mentioned components.

However,, the control of rabies comes within the purview of local bodies, who take measures to eradicate this menance under their own regulations.

संघ राज्य के प्रशासकों द्वारा पाठशालाओं का प्रबंध ग्रहण

2904. **कुमारी सईदा खातून :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) किन-किन संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों द्वारा पाठशालाओं का प्रबन्ध ग्रहण कर लिया गया है ;

(ख) इन पाठशालाओं के प्रधानाध्यापकों तथ अध्यापकों को समान वेतनमान न दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) प्रत्येक संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में कम वेतन पाने वाले ऐसे शिक्षकों की संख्या कितनी है ; और

(घ) क्या उन्हें समान वेतनमान देने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० 7 पर बीहर नदी पुल का निर्माण

2905. **श्री केशव प्रसाद शुक्ल :** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के रीवा से गुजरने वाले राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० पर बीहर नदी पर पुल के निर्माण और उसके साथ-साथ इस मार्ग का दिशा परिवर्तन करने के लिए उचित स्थान का चुनाव करने के बारे में अब तक कोई कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं०7 पर बीहर नदी के ऊपर पुल निर्मित करने के लिए सातवीं योजना में 60 लाख रुपये का प्रावधान किया गया है । मध्य प्रदेश के राज्य लोक निर्माण विभाग के परामर्श से पुल और पहुंच मार्गों के स्थल को अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है ।

Air link with South Korea

2906. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link India and South Korea by air; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI* JAGDISH TYTLER): No, Sir; does not arise.